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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who believes that competition in any industry is vital. Please do not do anything that would eliminate small, independent companies from the telecom playing field. The only good service I've gotten has been from small, independent companies. The difference between them and the big guys is like day and night.

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